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## LADYSMITH COST 6,912 MEN

This is the Complete List of Killed, Wounded and Missing Sustained By Generals White and Buller.

## 13 CANADIANS KILLED, 25 WOUNDED

Five Died of Wounds Since the First Account. This is the Complete Returns Up to this Afternoon of the Result of their Noble Charge on Cronje's Army.

Special to THE MINER

TORONTO, March 2.—Frederick Hamilton, correspondent of the Globe in South Africa, wires from Modder river, March 1, as follows: "It is admitted on all sides that the attack made on the enemy's trenches by the Royal Canadians helped materially to force the surrender of Cronje. The whole regiment did splendidly, but Grand H. Companies excelled all others in the work of building advanced trenches under a heavy fire. Their casualties as a consequence bear a heavy proportion to the total.

After Cronje surrendered Lord Roberts addressed the troops and in a special manner complimented the Canadians on the splendid share they had borne in the achievement of the victory.

The casualties sustained by the Royal Canadians were as follows:

Killed.

Toronto men, C Company

E. C. Page, Governor-General's Body

Guard.

gunshot wound in face, at hospital Modder river, G. McCallum, wounded.

Sir Alfred Milner further says that his private secretary yesterday paid a visit to Major Pelletier at the hospital at Winberberg, where he suffers from a sunstroke, but is progressing satisfactorily. Lieutt. Mason is also improving.

The Cost of Ladysmith.

TORONTO, March 2.—Special cables to morning papers deal considerably with the cost of the relief of Ladysmith to the British forces. One dispatch says that the tabulating of the British losses consequent upon the one hundred and eighteen days of the siege shows that White's loss in killed and wounded in battle was 1,780, and captured 1,079. Total loss of White 2,859.

Buller's loss in killed and wounded was 3,548, captured 753. Buller's total loss, 4,261.

The total loss therefore sustained by the combined forces of White and Buller was 6,912 men, in the actual battle of Ladysmith.

Winston Churchill sends an inter-

view of the British losses, which are 500 feet high and carried by storm Pieters Hill.

Cronje Sent to Cape Town.

LONDON, March 1. The War Office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, "Paardeberg, Wednesday, Feb. 28. Cronje with his family left here yesterday in charge of Major-General Prettyman, and under the escort of the city Imperial volunteers and Mounted Infantry. Later in the day the remaining prisoners were in charge of the Earl of Eroll and escorted by Gloucesters and a hundred Imperial volunteers. The women and children were sent to their homes. I understand that great dissatisfaction is felt by the Boers at Cronje's refusal to accept my offer of safe conduct to women and children and medical care for his wounded, 170 of whom are now in our hospital. Very many of them are in terrible shape for want of proper care at an earlier stage. I inspected Boers' hospital yesterday and was much struck by the ingenuity of the enemy with which their position was made almost impregnable to assault."

Total Loss to Date 12,834.

LONDON, Feb. 28th. The rapidly growing casualty lists are being obliter-



## KIMBERLEY'S RELIEF

A Kaffir Kraal in 1870. Now a Town of Over 30,000 Population.

## DID NOT HAVE TO EAT HORSEFLESH

HOW THE PLACE WAS SPARED BY THE DE BEERS CONSOLIDATED CO. AND 2,000 SOLDIERS.

The town of Kimberley, which has been besieged by the Boers since October 15, is the capital of the great diamond district of South Africa, lying near the western border of the Orange Free State. It is 517 miles by rail from Cape Town and 455 miles from Port Elizabeth. Diamonds were first discovered here in 1870, at which time the place was nothing but a Kaffir kraal. A fine stone had been picked up by a Hottentot and sold for a trifle to a white man living not far away. He, not knowing its value, parted with it at a small advance and eventually, without anyone suspecting its value, it reached London, where a famous jewellery firm passed upon its excellence and purity. The story got wind and the result was a speedy emigration to South Africa. This began during 1871, and it is estimated that since that time stones to the value of twenty-two millions sterling have been taken out. The total number of diggers employed at the various mines is estimated at 15,000 persons, a large proportion being blacks. The town of Kimberley has a population of 30,000, of which about 11,000 are whites, containing a small proportion of Dutch among them. It is a well-built city, with spacious streets, broad boulevards, public buildings, a fine theatre, court, hospital, and library, several fine collections of newspapers and botanical gardens. During the last few years this various mining companies consolidated into the De Beers Consolidated, and, it is understood, through the influence of Cecil Rhodes, who is heavily interested in the Diamond mines, from which he has amassed great wealth. This mining company, when threatened, undertook the defense of the town, and apparently did it well. Cecil Rhodes, who left a safe place in Cape Town on the outbreak of the

cavalry leader, who first touched hands with Col. Kitchener and Cecil Rhodes, has been most successful in almost the whole of his operations during the war. It was he who won the battle of Elandslaagte, the leading victory of the campaign, in Natal; if we except the driving of the Boers from the Ladysmith trenches, when they ventured to take the offensive. He escaped from Ladysmith on the last train from that place under a heavy shell fire, and took charge of the cavalry operations in the Colenso region. One serious disaster to several companies in the Suffolk's incurred his services to rescue from this he had done excellently. Work and drive the Boers from New Poort, block the Colenso, while Roberts was threatening with capture with 1,000 men. Was sent by General Roberts on his present expedition.

## The Empire's Protection.

Victoria Times: The war in South Africa has one thing at least quite apparent: that some common action must be taken for the defense of the British Empire. The present system, if there be any system, is utterly failing in every essential means whereby in time of danger the resources of the nation can be brought to bear against a common enemy. The steps which are necessary for the accomplishment of this great end will have to be decided upon by the military chiefs of the country; but the defects which at present exist are perfectly plain to all. The people of Canada, or of Great Britain, for that matter, do not in time of peace prepare for war; that is, they do not make adequate preparation. Under our system of government, the reason of this is not far to seek. Our statesmen are directly responsible to the people, who, when a programme containing proposals for large expenditures for defensive purposes is laid before them are prone to condemn the proposed outlay as extravagant and unnecessary. In very few other nations of the world are such stringent "constitutional" checks imposed on rulers, before the objections advanced to the military lead, as are in this country. The time appears to be arrived when the colonies should make up with the mother country in defense, and the time for the defense of the Empire as a whole. A suggestion has been made that the question should be taken entirely out of the hands of politicians and handed over to an Imperial council, which would, of course, be quite removed from the narrow views of party and could view the situation from the left, as well as from the right. In olden times when men were not in the open air and hands could not be held for half a dozen it was the custom to wrap a cord around the arm, so that the ends fall on the left side, to be caught on the right side of a sword. This cord, on the left side, they might be wrapped by the left hand, the right hand being used to fasten the knot. In this way the cords had to be made of a hard wood or other became useless, because when strained and will probably break. It is a great device of some

## Apollinaris

"THE QUEEN OF TABLE WATERS."

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Annual Sales: 23,000,000 Bottles.

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The most wonderful blood purifier, restorative and strengthener known to science.

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"I started taking it, and inside of two months I was as well as ever I was in my life. I cheerfully recommend B. B. B. as a splendid blood purifier and spring medicine."

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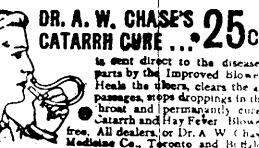
## Some of Our Familiar Customs and Their Ancient Origin.

It is curious at a number of little customs that are known, the reason

why, for instance, do widows wear black? This we would say because of the usual poverty and interest of the widow. The reason that when the King of France had a flag and they shaved his beard as a sign of mourning. Of course, a woman couldn't be with the King in it, so she made herself a white flag. And now, though the King is dead, it has passed away.

Why do we have bows on the left side of our bodies? In olden times when we were in the open air and hands could not be held for half a dozen it was the custom to wrap a cord around the arm, so that the ends fall on the left side, to be caught on the right side of a sword. This cord, on the left side, they might be wrapped by the left hand, the right hand being used to fasten the knot. In this way the cords had to be made of a hard wood or other became useless, because when strained and will probably break. It is a great device of some

The Detroit News sympathetically and beautifully says: "Those of us who scan with anxious eyes the casualty lists which General Otis sends so often from Manila, and those who have ceased to watch because they have already learned the worst, will find a new sense of kinship with their neighbors across the border in the sad regard which to-day calls from the Modder river where nineteen members of the Canadian contingent in the South African army and sixty-one wounded in Sunday's fighting. For the moment there will be neither Boer or British sympathizers. While we are marking fresh graves daily we come very near to those whose brothers, sons, husbands, sweethearts and friends have fallen on the veldt. They went because they loved their country and their flag, just as our own boys have gone to another far corner of the earth, and the cause for which a brave man fought goes out of mind when the sod is being turned for his resting place. There is arape on our neighbor's door, and the sound of mourning is in our house. We shake hands silently, and there is new warmth and meaning in the grip."



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## Ornamental Plate &amp; Window Glass.

## Rat Portage Lumber Co., Ltd.

## SASH AND DOOR DEPARTMENT.

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Goodyear welted, name and price stamped on the soles, \$1.50 and \$1.60.

W. A. McLeod, Sole Local Agent.

"Just like Mother made 'em."

mining companies consolidated into the De Beers Consolidated, mainly; it is understood, through the influence of Cecil Rhodes, who is the only inter-est in the diamond mines, from which he has amassed great wealth. This mining company, when well threatened, undertook the defense of the town and accordingly did it well. Cecil Rhodes, who left a safe place in Cape Town on the outbreak of the war to stand the test of Kimberley, is reported to have said he regarded Kimberley as being "as safe as Piccadilly," and that he believed it was shown by his going there. The Imperial authorities were only able to spare a couple of thousand men to garrison the town, and the command of the Loyal North Lancashires, being in command. Thanks no doubt to the vigilance of the mining engineers, provisions have proved ample, so far as the necessities of life are concerned, though such things as fresh vegetables and milk and eggs became very scarce towards the close of the siege. There were rumors of the population having been compelled to eat horses, but those appear not to have been well founded. During the siege Cecil Rhodes is reported to have been active in providing work for the prison classes in the town, including the natives, so that they were enabled to earn money to purchase the necessities of life. Steps were taken early in the siege to prevent prices becoming abnormally high, and dealers were compelled to sell at ordinary prices, save in the case of luxuries. One of the property works undertaken, happened to be during his b

the construction of a bridge over the Avenue, which was probably lined with pines. Several sorties were made during the first weeks of the siege, in which the garrison acquitted itself creditably. Trade necessarily ceased with the investment became closer. According to reports the town does not appear to have suffered greatly from the bombardment of the Boers, though occasional fires occurred from time to time. A few weeks ago the De Beers Mining Company, achieved something of a mechanical coup by manufacturing a big gun, which they named "Long Cecil," and with which they inflicted some damage on the Boer batteries two or three days. Although the garrison was but two thousand, there were several thousand miners, fully armed, forming a valuable auxiliary force, which stood ready to repel an attack, and the Boers never ventured on a serious assault. The relief of Kimberley was speedily accomplished on the 12th of December, when General Methuen advanced rapidly from the Orange river up the Modder river, fighting three successful actions on the way. He was badly defeated at Magersfontein, and a superior Boer force, having entrenched, confronted him from time as it moved away on the approach of Lord Roberts' army.

Major-General French, the brilliant

defender of the Boers as a whole, suggested that the question should be taken entirely out of the hands of politicians and handed over to an Imperial council, which would, of course, be quite removed from the intrigues of party, and could view everything in the holy innocence of mere necessities. Can a man be sheltered longer behind the skirts of Belvoir than long enough? Let us now give some evidence of the true Imperial spirit. We show that we are prepared to do our share in this interesting work. Something will probably be said on this subject before the adjournment of the house now sitting at the Cape.

#### Charge of the Light-Clad Brigade.

Upon the list of Canadian contingent serving at Cape Town, it was discovered that while the equipment of tunics was complete, those were lacking 100 breeches. Henry Dwyer, late of the Montreal Star, who was wounded the night at the dinner given by Sir Charles best we can, noted the plaint of the light-clad brigadiers as follows:

The bravest pulled when he was told  
That somebody had abandoned;  
And the corps supply of pantaloons,  
Was minus just four hundred.

Our hearts are heavy, and we grieve  
At pendence simple stood;  
They sent us to the front and leave  
Our rear quite unprotected.

We marched for many weary miles  
In a costume not for airy;  
A little in the saddle,  
Of Greek or satiric.

Of course we must strive very hard,  
Some trying to batton;  
It took us all our time to guard  
Our best of intentions.

Our sufferings would be less keen  
Were there any chance of getting  
A box or two of vest line;  
And a little more into netting.

We've scissors and needles and cottons  
And pins, but nowhere to put patches;  
We've pipes and tobacco and that sort  
of things.

But nowhere to strike matches.

Tails thing is getting monotonous,  
And we long for the sake of variety,  
To tuck our shirts into divided skirts  
As they do in police society.

Our statesmen talk of glory? Why?  
We've no heart the glory now, sirs;  
We'll talk of mud, bye and bye;  
Just now we want our trousers.

We long to meet the foeman's steel,  
To hear the welcome rally;  
Come on, ye myrmidons, rufous;  
"Charger! Border! Corpse! bullet!"

And when the battles are unmask,  
Overhead the iron-hail screeches;  
Then all work, 'fore us the task  
To strip Pretoria's breeches."

#### Itching Piles.

False modesty causes many people to venture in silent the greatest misery imaginable from itching piles. One application of Dr. A. W. Chase's Ointment will soothe and ease the itching one hundred percent, completely curing the worst case of hunk itching, bleeding, or pruritic piles. You have no risk to run for Dr. A. W. Chase's Ointment is guaranteed to cure piles.

The German Battleship *Sachsen* has stranded near Kiel Lighthouse.

Premier Rose has promised \$10,000 a year for 10 years toward improvement of Ontario roads.

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"Just like Mother makes."

Is the kind of bread that

## "KEEWATIN FLOUR"

Produces. You ought to try it.

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## A CLERGYMAN'S INFLUENCE.

### Paine's Celery Compound

Recommended by

Rev. C. M. Tyler, a Methodist  
Minister of Nova Scotia.

It Saves the Life of Mr.  
George W. Parks.

A Gain in Flesh of Thirty-two  
Pounds in Three Weeks

Amongst professional men, who are active and ardent advocates of Paine's Celery Compound, clergymen are found who never weary of recommending the wonderful medicine to members of their churches who are ailing, sick and disabled.

The true and honest clergymen who has himself experienced the life-giving powers of Paine's Celery Compound— who has been raised from weakness of body to full health and vigor, feels it a duty to speak to others of the only true health and strength builder that the world has ever seen.

Mr. G. W. Parks, once near the dark grave, but rescued and saved by Paine's Celery Compound after minutes of his doctors, sends the following letter:

"While at sea I was taken sick, which compelled me to abandon my work and seek home and rest. I consulted the doctors who pronounced it typhoid or slow fever. I suffered severely from night sweats, and cold chills during the day. Added to this I was extremely nervous, which weakened me and reduced my flesh until I was a mere skeleton. This continued until last winter, when my wife and friends began to despair of my recovery, as the medicine I took produced no good, and I was gradually growing worse.

"Through the influence of Rev. C. M. Tyler, I was induced to give Paine's Celery Compound a trial, and I can truly say it worked wonders. The first bottle gave me great relief, and five bottles completely cured me. I gained thirty-two pounds in three weeks, and am now strong and healthy. I would urge the suffering everywhere to give Paine's Celery Compound a trial."

## A. T. FIFE & CO.

HARDWARE MERCHANTS

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Heating Stoves,  
Furnaces, etc.

See ours and get prices  
before purchasing.

WE ARE THE  
LEADING

PLUMBERS'

AND GUARANTEED  
SATISFACTION.

## A. T. FIFE & COY

## THE Hilliard House

THE HILLIARD HOUSE, as usual, will still be kept up to the front rank of Western Hotels, and with its addition of 100 rooms, offers "All the Comforts of a Home" to the Traveller and Tourist.

EVERY THING IS FIRST CLASS.

THE BAR of the hotel is well supplied with the Choicest Wines, Liquors, and Cigars. Large and commodious Sample Rooms for Travellers. When stopping at Rat Portage be sure and stop at the Hilliard House.

LOUIS HILLIARD, Proprietor.

Main Street,

Rat Portage

## AUSTRALIAN LAWS.

There the Miner has to go  
Through Much Red  
Tape.

## ONTARIO LAWS JUST AS GOOD.

AUSTRALIAN PROSPECTORS ARE SUBJECT TO GREAT EXPENSE AND UNCERTAINTY.

In speaking of the mining laws and titles in Australia, Prof. Cribb Dwyer, of the New South Wales School of Mines says:

"As to our mining titles in Australia for gold leases, a summary of the practices of the various colonies is as follows: The government grants, through the Department of Mines, mining leases of crown lands available according to the mining regulations, which provide that in each and every case the ground applied for must be specifically pegged out in some approximate square form by inserting solidly into the ground at each angle a post not less than 4 inches in diameter and not less than 4 feet high to mark the boundaries, and one of the posts is to be called the datum peg. At the foot of each peg a trench not less than six inches wide and deep and three feet long is to be clearly cut in the three sides of all the boundary lines. On the datum peg at the time is then to be placed a clear notice, in form, showing the acreage of the land applied for, the applicant, and date of pegging, the applicant, at the same time, posting a similar notice at the local district mining warden's office, and also making his formal written application for the ground, with a full description of the ground, and the statement of what he intends to mine for, to the warden's stock or mining register. The public or other objectors, if any, then have a fortnight or more, in which to lodge formal complaints or objections to the granting, during which time the applicant pays the first year's annual acreage rent, generally five shillings per acre, and also the survey fee, never less than £5. The government mining surveyor of the mines' department then gets official instructions to survey the ground claimed without delay, and in his declared plan and report of the survey in duplicate, for the direct and immediate and future use of the

gold or reef mining, but in the other metals greater areas are usually allowed per man or more, longer labor conditions. In the lease papers issued it is shown that all mineral that you have declared your intention to mine for in your application, within the vertical limits of all the boundaries, belong to the grantee. There is therefore, no possibility of leases overlapping each other, and no extra rights are provided for."

(Mr. Gee Mooring, who has been on a trip to New York and other eastern cities, returned yesterday. Mr. Mooring informs us that while in the east he severed his connection with the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Co., of Toronto, to take a much more important position with another company. George is now inspector for the Dominion of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States. Mr. Mooring will be leaving again in a few days for Toronto to take up the duties of his position.—Port Arthur Chronicle.

## VALE!

Hero and friend, the long jaguar twas usp-  
ing.

Form'd the offering on thy side the bie  
Of any wreath, as shell and boughs flying,  
Shrik out the requiem of thy doomed career.

No any wreath, of laurel or immortals.

Need'st thou, that we may suddenly won  
As thy brave breast opposed Death's fury port-  
als.

Deck well enough his country's bier  
wed son,  
Yet as thy corpse, by contral, is discom-  
mited.

There meets the earth, a simple resting here,  
Hero and friend, is still by a pine wood ed.

The stealthy tribute of a stern sea.

—F. E. T. COOK.

## Thin, Watery Blood.

When the blood is thin and watery, the nerves are actually starved and nervous exhaustion and prostration soon follow. Feed the nerves with Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Food and you will impart to them the new life and vigor of perfect health. Eat out and fasten on every sign of Dr. A. W. Chase on every box.

## LAUGHING GAS.

Why Time Flies.  
Wish you wouldn't go;  
I don't see what's to be done;  
It's the girls like me who  
haven't got no money.

Papa sez 'at time is here,  
Don't let me down;  
But tak' care of me, Papa;  
I'd be a fool if I lost my hand.

Mamma sez, Now watch the clock;  
When it's 12, it's 12;  
'Tis time for little old me;  
Cur' em it's awfully late.

Ganja sez 'at hours may pass,  
An' days make up the year;  
Summer's got to run away;  
When the winter's here.

An' ganja sez she's kind of old;  
As she does pass away;  
Some day she will kiss me all  
An' say a last goodby.

Seems to me the trouble's  
At biargin' check up;  
Et it'd stop its doxin'.

## MYSTERIOUS OCCURRENCE.

The Remarkable Alpine Experience of a King's Messenger.

At a critical moment of international complication which occurred a good many years ago, it was found necessary to send a king's messenger across one of the Alpine passes charged with dispatches the importance of which was so great that they practically involved the issue of peace or war. It was in the depth of winter, and in those days, even under the most ordinary circumstances, a journey across Europe meant no trifling undertaking. The first part of the journey was safely accomplished in postchaise as far as the foot of the pass, where a transfer to a sleigh was necessary. Here, on inquiring at the posting inn for horses and a sleigh, the messenger found to his dismay that none was to be had. "Impossible, monsieur, to go forward this night." Toward evening, however, a private carriage arrived, occupied by one traveler, with a sleigh, several spare horses and plenty of servants—evidently the equipage of a personage of distinction. The traveler halted at the posting inn and after a short parley determined to enter and have dinner, the journey across the pass to be continued at nightfall, when a clear moon might be expected.

Under these circumstances, the king's messenger and the other traveler naturally dined together and entered into friendly conversation, with the result that an offer of a place in the traveler's sleigh was gladly accepted by the former. At nightfall the journey across the pass was commenced, the messenger carrying in his hand a small dispatch box containing his dispatches. The route wound up and over the mountain side, all being soon covered deep in snow. The horses seemed fresh and high minded and were urged at full speed by the driver. Suddenly, at a turn of the road, a man jumped out from a rock. The horses seemed to shy, and in less time than it takes to tell the sleigh was rolling over and over in the snow, with its occupants' tossed hither and thither. Some moments elapsed before the half stunned messenger came to his senses, and when he did so the first thing which struck his astonished eyes was the sharp tearing back up the pass at breakneck speed. No human being was to be seen beside him, his late companions and, worse still, his bag of dispatches, which had escaped from his grasp in the tumble, having vanished like magic.

Nothing remained but to plod wearily through the snow back to the inn, where that he could ascertain was that the strange traveler was unknown to the land and that he had returned by the way he had come with his own horses, except that there had been an accident. Now of the mysterious traveler not a trace of his patches was ever traced, nor was the history of the adventure ever come to light up to the present day.—Quarterly, 12.

## MONKEY AND MIRROR.

I saw a performing monkey the other day. He waded through many tricks very successfully. Toward the end of the performance he was ordered to put on his cocked hat before a hand mirror, which he did. He was next told to set it straight, and he tried on his general's headgear repeatedly at different angles, causing much laughter. When all was over and the organ man, his helpers and the two monkeys were preparing to depart, I saw that "the general" had possessed himself of the little mirror and was studying his own countenance with great delight! He had placed the glass on top of the barrel organ, and he bent over it again and again, grinning energetically. He got out of his box, his

hand covered with small scales, sometimes larger over the eyes or nose. (7) Eyes with vertical pupils like a cat's. (8) Two pits or holes between the eyes and nose, suggesting four nostrils. (9) Two long, curved, perforated fangs in the upper jaw just in front of the eye, one on either side and so hinged that they lie backward, hidden from view in a membranous sheath, but erectile at will.

Some of the first seven peculiarities may be found in harmless snakes, but it is only in the vipers that they are waited

Other.

## LAXA-LIVER PILLS.

You can't be healthy if your bowels are constipated and your system clogged with poisonous material. There should be a natural movement every day, and the best way to secure it is to take Laxa-Liver Pills. The most obstinate cases yield to their action. They neither gripe, sicken nor weaken, are easy to take and prompt to act.

## CURE CONSTIPATION.

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## THE CURSE.

Leisure, except for needed rest, for time to plan new work or for an opportunity to aid others in doing their work, is not a blessing, but a curse. If nothing comes of it, if no work is done because of it, or if better work does not follow on account of it, then leisure has not been a blessing to him who enjoyed it and invariably works harm to him or to others who are affected by it.

Among the practical evils coming from the desire to escape the drudgery of manual labor is the over crowding of the places where the manual labor is light, the growth of the military spirit among men who think it more honorable to fight than to work and the increase of that army of incompetents who find no opportunity but prefer to be supported by others rather than to soil their hands or harden their muscles by doing the work which the world offers them to do.

Carlyle was right when he said that all the happiness that a true man asks is happiness enough to get his work done.—Christian Register.

## CROWING HENS.

The archbishop of Canterbury, in his youth, had some experience as a farmer. Evidently the bishop of London's education, in that respect, was neglected. In the account of one of his speeches at the church congress he is reported as saying:

"There is a certain class of people who are like hens when they have laid an egg. They form their opinion with such difficulty apparently and so seldom that when they have formed one they go and crow to the world to show that they have done it."

We would respectfully advise the bishop of London to draw an illustration from crowing hens if he should ever be addressing a rural audience.—Westminster Gazette.

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## THE CONDITION OF VERY MANY YOUNG

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## STEAM LAUNDRY RE-OPENED

Having closed the steam laundry formerly run by Mr. D. H. Brown, we are prepared to do all kinds of LAUNDRY WORK in the finest style possible. We will be open Monday morning next.

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## DEADLY SNAKES.

Various Signs by Which Their Character May Be Recognized.

To distinguish between venomous and harmless snakes is easy in practice, but it is difficult to explain in words alone, as there is one external characteristic which distinguishes them. It is rather a peculiar, varying union of many separate marks that brands the dangerous reptile.

Generally speaking, all snakes may be divided into two great classes—those which have the head covered with numerous small scales and those which have it covered with large, regularly set plates. Leaving out the elapidæ and the poisonous sea snakes, with which the hunter will have nothing to do, all snakes with small head scales move about by night and those with the large plates on the head by day. This may be known by their eyes, for the first have vertical pupils like the cat's, while those of the latter are generally circular in form. The long, active day snake, gliding about from bush to bush or hurriedly taking refuge beneath some protruding rock or tree stump, is harmless. Even should he lie coiled in the sunshine he will flee from approaching danger. But a serpent ne'er coiled in some secluded nook which instead of fleeing gathers himself closer together is most probably dangerous, particularly if he be more or less marked with a suggestion of irregular cross-bars or whitish or dirty yellow and darker brown or blackish. This is the characteristic coloring of our most dangerous snakes, the rattle, the copperhead and the moleskin.

The following points embrace all the peculiarities of our American vipers, and the last two are especially noteworthy as the crowning proofs of venom:

(1) Moving about at dusk or by night, generally on the ground, and very rarely ascending trees or bushes. (2) Seldom lying in plain, but rather coiling for defense. (3) Colors generally subdinted, with a semblance of irregular cross-bars of lighter and darker shades. (4) Tail short, body stout, neck thin, head flat and very broad, especially behind. (5) Scales keep the teeth scute has a ridge down the middle, which gives the skin a rough, like lace like a rasp. (6) Head covered with small scales, sometimes larger over the eyes or nose. (7) Eyes with vertical pupils like a cat's. (8) Two pits or holes between the eyes and nose, suggesting four nostrils. (9) Two long, curved, perforated fangs in the upper jaw just in front of the eye, one on either side and so hinged that they lie backward, hidden from view in a membranous sheath, but erectile at will.

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granting during which time the applicant pays the first year's annual acreage, rent, generally five shillings per acre, and also the survey fee, never less than £5. The government mining surveyor of the mines' department then gets official instructions to survey the ground claimed without delay and in his declared plan and report of the survey in duplicate, for the direct and immediate and future use of the warden's court, and the minister of mines, in officially dealing with the application, without which no title can be granted; which particulars are incorporated in the lease title deeds when granted and issued. These deeds are in no case granted for more than 20 or 25 years, after which the whole grant reverts to the government, but may be re-leased after that time on terms wholly in accordance with the mining regulations, at the will of the minister of mines.

In the initial case of the fortnight alluded to the application is heard in open warden's court, when the applicant and objectors, if any, are heard, and the warden if satisfied that the mining regulations have so far been complied with, and everything is in order of the application, reports to the minister direct to the minister of mines and recommends that the application for lease be granted. The minister will then have the whole of the case in his order, and the papers will be gone into on their merits, the minister being careful to see that there is no infringement on crown or other previous rights granted. If everything is in proper form and correct, a lease is issued. The necessary proceedings take from one month to a month as the case may be.

In the meantime, provided the applicant has no notice from the department that the land is not available for a lease, the applicant must comply with the labor conditions, which conditions vary in the different mines. From one to six men, after a day, must be employed in bona fide prospecting work, for every five acres of ground applied for. If this is less, the lease may not be granted, when granted is liable to forfeiture to the government, but not collusion, or betrayal of another, or by causing to the minister of mines, who is the local warden or other, to issue a lease under the supposed direction of the latter, or by any other means, from which decision action there is no appeal.

The minister of mines can also run mining leases, for nonpayment of annual rental at the usual time, or cancel any lease for noncompliance with the mining regulations. The local warden cannot grant or cancel any leases; he may only recommend, much the same form of procedure applies in taking up areas for other minerals in than gold or gold and silver

8 time for little girls indeed." "Cuz 'en it's awfu' late." "G'amp'ay at hours mass day, An' days make up th' year. Summer's up to run away, When the winter's near." "An' g'amp'ay see dat' you old. As the days pass by, Some day she will kiss me. An' say a' las' goodby." "Seems to me the trouble's, At haughty clock up late; El' it stopp' it'skin' on. 'Ain' no one'oud care." "Then 'ere oughtn't be no night. All'ay' could be day; 'Ouldn't have to go to bed; 'Est' could have to sleep." "Ouldn't be no winter. Summer all th' year. An' g'amp'ay 'ouldn't grow old. Never'd leave us never." "Wish 'ey-want' em' stocks; Don't see what 'ey're for. El' little girls like me, 'ust. 'Ey' 'ouldn't be no more." —Detroit Free Press.

#### Not the Prevailing Style.

"How do you do, uncle?" said the affable reporter. "I thought I would drop in on the occasion of your one hundredth birthday anniversary and smoke a friendly pipe with you."

"Why?" hesitatingly responded the venerable man. "I know it is dreadfully unconventional for a centurion, but the truth is, young man, I have never learned to smoke."

Then silence reigned for the next five minutes, broken only by the occasional sound of the reporter puffing for breath. —Chicago Tribune.

he was compelled to put on his cocked hat before a hand mirror, which he did. He was next told to set it straight, and he tried on his general's headgear repeatedly at different angles, causing much laughter. When all was over and the organ man, his helpers and the two monkeys were preparing to depart, I saw that "the general" had possessed himself of the little mirror and was studying his own countenance with great delight! He had placed the glass on top of the barrel organ, and he beat over it again and again, grinning energetically. He afterward picked up his mirror and contemplated himself earnestly and contentedly at different angles. His face had been profoundly sad, like the faces of most monkeys I have seen, but now the wrinkles smoothed themselves out, and he nearly smiled. —London Standard.

#### He Lost the Hole.

Ed Tufts of Los Angeles was playing golf with a friend. When he drove from the third teeing ground he sliced the ball badly and sent it away to one side. It stopped in front of a grazing cow, and Tufts came up just in time to see it disappear into the bovine mouth. When his opponent had made his stroke, Tufts unthatched the cow and, with many sounding thwacks of his club, drove the beast to the third hole. There he made his disgorge the ball and, neatly holing it, announced that he had made the hole in two strokes. His opponent calmly finished the hole in seven and claimed the hole.

"But I made it in two," protested Tufts gloomily.

"No, you didn't," declared the other. "You made it in 33. You hit that cow 37 times. For I counted every stroke," and Tufts conceded the hole. —San Francisco Argonaut.

#### Family Peacemakers.

More family troubles are adjusted by the magistrates in this city than the average person would willingly believe. There is hardly a day passes that every member of the minor judiciary is not called upon by a determined husband or wife, usually the latter, to issue a warrant. Nine cases out of ten the applicant is considerably excited and is eager to invoke the aid of the law in settling some trifling controversy. By calm argument and assurances the visitor can usually be persuaded to give the offender of her or his peace and happiness another chance, and a home is perhaps saved from being broken up. —Philadelphia Call.

#### His Opportunity.

"An operation for appendicitis," the surgeon assured the sufferer, "is rather a serious thing, of course, but it is not necessarily an alarming one, and it will demonstrate, moreover, just how much 'fortitude you have."

"Yes," replied the patient; "I suppose it will show just what's in me. Go ahead." —Chicago Tribune.

#### Picking Out the Waiters.

The safest plan to pursue at a reception where the waiters and male guests are clad in swallow-tails is to jam your hand into your trouser pockets and jingle a few coins when you meet a stranger. If his eyes begin to bulge and his hand commences to travel toward you, he's a waiter. This is a straight tip. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

#### A Blackmailler.

Tommy—I bought this dog to make money out of him.

His Sister's Beau—How is that?

Tommy—I expect you to give me 10 cents for tyin' him up ever' time you come to see sister. He's awfu' savage. —Ohio State Journal.

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## PALE AND LANGUID.

#### THE CONDITION OF VERY MANY YOUNG GIRLS IN CANADA.

They are Subject to Headaches, Heart Trouble, and an Indisposition to Exercise—Parents Should Act Promptly in Such Cases.

Miss Alma Gauthier, daughter of Mr. Adelard Gauthier, proprietor of a well known hotel at Three Rivers, Que., enjoys a wide popularity among her young friends, and they have recently had occasion to rejoice at her restoration to health after a serious illness. When a reporter called to ascertain the facts of the case Miss Gauthier was out of the city on a visit, but her father very gladly consented to give the story of her cure. He said: "I believe that had it not been for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills my daughter Alma might now have been in her grave, and I would be ungrateful if I did not at all times say a kind word in favor of the medicine that restored her to health. My daughter's health first began to give way several years ago. At first the trouble did not appear to be serious, and we thought she would soon regain her accustomed health. As time went on, however, this proved not to be the case. She grew weaker, was troubled with headaches, poor appetite, dizziness and a feeling of almost constant languor. She was treated by a good doctor, but still there was no improvement. She seemed to be gradually fading away. If she walked up stairs she would have to stop several times to rest on the way. She lost all her color and her face was white almost as chalk. Her trouble was clearly that which afflicts so many young women entering womanhood, and we feared it would develop into consumption. One day a friend of the family urged her to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and she consented, and produced a couple of boxes. Before they were quite gone there was a slight improvement in her appetite and we looked upon this as a hopeful sign. Another half dozen boxes were produced, and under their use she day by day acquired new strength and new interest in life. She is now as healthy a girl as there is in Three Rivers, with every trace of her pallor and languor gone. This is entirely due to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I am rejoiced to be able to say so publicly."

The case of Miss Gauthier certainly carries with it a lesson to other parents whose daughters may be pale, languid, easily tired, or subject to headaches, or other distressing symptoms that mark the onward progress of anemia. In cases of this kind Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will give more certain and speedy results than any other medicine. They act promptly and directly, making new, rich red blood, and strengthen the nerves, and correct all the irregularities incident to this critical period.

Sold by all dealers, present post paid at 10¢ a box or 6 boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont. Do not be persuaded to try something else said to be "just as good."

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Some of the first seven peculiarities may be found in harmless snakes, but it is only in the vipers that they are united. —Outing.

#### How She "Guides" Them.

There is a jolly mother in Brooklyn who has several grown up sons boarding at home with her, and they declare she wants to "boss" them all the time just as if they were children. She laughingly repudiates their charge and declares that she merely wishes to advise and guide them, but has long ago ceased to rule them. Here is an example of the way she "guides" them: At dinner the other night a big meal pie and a small roast duck were brought on together. The duck was intended for the father, principally. The boys were death on duck, their mother well knew, but it would not make a mouthful apiece for them; so, addressing the boy who sat nearest her, she said, "Which will you have, Bobbie, duck or pie?" and at once began cutting the pie.

"Duck!" said Bobbie promptly.

"No, Bobbie," answered his mother cheerfully, "you can't have duck, dear.

Take your choice, my son, take your choice, but you can't have duck!" —New York Tribune.

#### New Zealand Oddities.

The crow in New Zealand strikes as sweet a note as any heard in the woodland, says Henry D. Lloyd in the Atlantic. The robin has no song and no red breast; the native hen is the greatest of rat killers; there is a caterpillar which turns into a plant. These and some other productions of nature have done for New Zealand what the kangaroo and the ornithorhynchus have done for Australia—given it the suggestion of oddity and the marvelous. Rabbits and sweetbriars, introduced for pleasure, spread like wildfire, and it is an attraction to be duly advertised in the side of land that has been cleared of sweetbriar and opened against rabbits, and then later the rabbit becomes a pest instead of a pest and is exported by millions to feed the English.

#### Amateur Photography.

Let me call attention to one of the most universally popular mistakes that have to do with photography—that of classing supposedly excellent work as professional and using the term amateur to convey the idea of immature production and to excuse atrociously poor photographs. As a matter of fact nearly all the greatest work is being and has always been done by those who are following photography for the love of it, and not merely for financial reasons. As the name implies, an amateur is one who works for love, and viewed in this light the incorrectness of the popular classification is readily apparent.—Alfred Stieglitz in Scribner's.

#### Minnesota's First Book.

The Rev. S. W. Dickinson, an agent for the American Bible society, says that the first book printed in Minnesota was a Bible. It was printed in 1856, about 13 years before the first issue of a newspaper in St. Paul. The Bible was in the Ojibway language and was printed on the mission press at Lake Pokegama, Pine county, under the supervision of Rev. Mr. Ayer, who likewise had charge of the Indian farms.

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## ONTARIO VS. TRANSVAAL.

The spirit which has been made Canadianally around the British flag in South Africa, should, at the close of the war, react and give to Canada an added interest in British mids.

Right though the South African gold fields are and valuable though the results of the war may prove to British capitalists, one cannot fail to see that, while their investments in the Transvaal have been made under all kinds of disabilities, and subject to every annoying tax, that official interference thought fit to impose, right here, in a loyal British colony, gold can be mined as profitably as in the Transvaal. We will not take toll of their output in order to ruin ourselves against the old country, we have no dynamite monopoly, and if a vote is what the British capitalist wants, he can supply him self as an elector by a few months residence in the Rainy River district.

The gold miners of Ontario will on the opinion of a competent authority, become a dominant factor in the gold production of the world, and certainly those who have prospected in various gold fields, unite in asserting that for surface indications Ontario takes the lead of everything.

Had the same capital been invested here 15 years ago that was invested in the Johannesburg mines, there is little doubt that we should have by this time had a population of mining kings and cities like Johannesburg.

It would almost seem that capital, instead of flowing into the easiest channels, seeks investment where the disabilities are the greatest, and the difficulties to be overcome are the most evident. Otherwise how can we account for the fact that money is invested to practically hostile bands, and loyal British colonists are left to work out their own salvation as best they may.

Canada has contributed unparingly to the defence of the empire in time of war, in time of peace she should have the opportunity of adding as greatly to her strength. We are

present folder not only contains a good map of the Nome district but is embellished with several cuts of views at Nome City and on the beach where the method of mining is clearly shown. All information obtainable regarding sailing dates from Seattle and Tacoma, through rates, &c., is given in this book and the public cautioned to go to the agents of Northern Pacific Railway, who are supplied with diagrams of the Alaska steamers, and arrange in advance for their accommodations rather than to get off this very important business until they reach Puget sound. There is no doubt but that there will be a very considerable passenger business from the middle and eastern states and a very heavy business from the Pacific coast states to the Nome district next spring.

For folders, maps, etc., call on H. Swinfodd, general agent, Winnipeg, or send a 2 stamp to Chas. F. E. general passenger agent, St. Paul, Minn., and he will mail you the Nome added interest in British mids.

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## THE NEWS FROM KEEWATIN.

Miss Mather and her brother Jack left for Ottawa on Tuesday's train. Jack has been transferred to the bank in that city.

Geo. H. Kelly made a business trip to Portage la Prairie this week.

Captain Lewis has returned from his eastern trip.

Miss Beattie left for Collingwood Tuesday.

Mr. Dick Fisher is endeavoring to get up a concert band of the Canadian Patriotic Fund. Dick is a hustler, and we are sure he will have no trouble in arranging the same. Keebewatinites are over flowing with patriotism these days.

A sleigh load of our prominent young people attended the rink in Rat Portage Tuesday evening. They report a good time and a good skate.

John S. Stinson, of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., left Sunday for Winnipeg.

The hockey match between the flour mill team and the club house Monday evening resulted in a win for the former by a score of 5 to 3. When time was up the score was even, but five minutes more play was agreed upon, and during that short space the mill team managed to register two goals. The rink was crowded with spectators who seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. The game was closely contested and it will now be in order for the mill boys to get a pretty little badge painted and hand some around to their lady friends. There is some talk of another match in the near future.

Ham Echlin is sporting a black eye. He ran against a snow mill man Monday during the match.

## The Devil in a Blizzard.

Down in a place of which they tell A place the preachers all call hell. They sent a fellow, once so bad, That with the direst things they had They could not make him twist or squirm.

Nay, even the undying worm, The surest card in all the pack Was water on this wild ducks back. In vain the infernal furnace blazed; The devil's imp stood more amazed; Old Nick, he jumped about and swore For he had never been beat before. Just then, an imp, a stranger spoke A cross between a growl and croak Said he, the place that gave me birth Where I have just come from on the earth.

He's got a little gentle wind. He paused a moment and smiled and grinned. When soon would fetch that chap to him.

Or else my word's not worth a dime, The devil curled his tail and thought Has all my power then come to nought? Can punishment be found as severe As this which I am using here? It is this true of which you tell.

I soon will have it here in hell. So packing up his travelling suits Out of the tiny gates he sheets. And being quite a modern swell He proceeds to a Winnipeg hotel. The field was much delighted there. It was such a homelike atmosphere, Said he, I like it awful well.

It seems to me squatish like hell. But pleasure, as we sometimes say, Unto business must give way, And when the wind began to roar The Devil started for the door. Breathing fire just like a wizzard He sailed forth to meet the blizzard. But alas! he did not know the fate Of imps, and men, and devils great Who rush out blindly where they know No decent devil ought to go.

Though Satan's skip is fireproof stuff It was not hardly thick enough To keep the blizzard's freezing breath From making him as cold as death. The blizzard howled till all was blue. The Devil howled, and colder grew, O for a glimpse of my hotel! O for a corner back in hell. But mercy comes not at his call. Who bears a bitter curse for all. The blizzard hoists him on his ear And the Devil shakes with cold and fear.

Ten hurricanes were zephyrs light Compared with the fierce blizzard night. Aw it drove the snow around. Swept the ground and tore the ground. Try any jet into reverse Would make a Methodist preacher.

The Devil's noise it was so loud His legs so very weak and old, No longer can he stand the pain But with croaks on the plain. The Devil goes with fear and figh Saw him in the wind that night.

The wind was so cold he can lay in misery for many a day. Then striking down into his pit He found no rest, nor stand nor stand. His hair was all in a tangle with a wind. He gazed on wind that was once his tail. His nose was bitten off by frost.

And though he tried me beans we're to be. It took his heart the frost has razed. That awful blizzard.

to 3. Arise who's fit.

## TAKING THE REINS.

Sheriff's Sale  
OF  
LEASEHOLD LANDS.

UNDER and by virtue of a writ of Vendition Exposures issued out of the District of Rainy River, and to the direct and delivery of the same to the Goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements of C. A. Macdonald at the suit of D. W. Douglas, 7

Three seized and taken into execution -

1. All the said C. A. Macdonald's estate, right, title and interest of, in and to, an undivided one-half interest in Mining Location declassé H P 16, T 17, and N 18, northwest of Piney, in the District of Rainy River, in the District of Rainy River, and known as the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage, at the suit of D. W. Douglas, 7

Three seized and taken into execution -

2. All the aforesaid C. A. Macdonald's estate, right, title and interest of, in and to, Mining Location declassé H P 16, T 17, and N 18, northwest of Piney, in the District of Rainy River, in the District of Rainy River, and known as the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage, at the suit of D. W. Douglas, 7

Three seized and taken into execution -

3. His interest in Mining Location declassé H P 16, containing 60 acres, and known as Part No. 1, in the Lands Titles Office, after said.

All of which I shall offer for sale at my office at the Court House at Rat Portage, in the District of Rainy River, on Thursday, March 26, 1909, at the hour of Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, being the aforesaid C. A. Macdonald's estate, right, title and interest of, in and to, the aforementioned lands, being Mining Lots N T 16, 17, 18, H P 16, 16, 16 and 16.

Sheriff's Office, Rat Portage.  
1st March, 1909.

W. H. CARPENTER,  
Sheriff, District Rainy River.

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UNDER and by virtue of a writ of Vendition Exposures issued out of the High Court of Justice, and to the direct and delivery of the same to the Goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements, of D. Morrah, at the suit of W. D. Douglas;

I have seized and taken into execution -

1. All the said defendant, D. Morrah's, right, title and interest of, in and to, Mining Location declassé one-third interest of J 06, known as lands in Section 12, subject to the right of one A. E. Chenevert, and to the other third interest in the aforesaid lands, the property in the Land Title Office, at Rat Portage, in the District of Rainy River.

2. A three-eighths interest in Mining Location declassé H P 16, east of Rat Portage, known as leasehold Parcel No. 18, subject to an agreement made with A. E. Chenevert, as to the use of the lands, after said.

3. His one-quarter interest in Mining Location declassé H P 16, known as leasehold Parcel No. 25, subject to an agreement made with A. E. Chenevert, as to the use of the lands, after said.

4. His one-third interest in Mining Location declassé H P 16, known as leasehold Parcel No. 26, subject to an agreement made with A. E. Chenevert, as to the use of the lands, after said.

5. All of the said D. Morrah's interest in Mining Location declassé H P 16, known as leasehold Parcel No. 27, subject to an agreement made with A. E. Chenevert, as to the use of the lands, after said.

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We can quarry out 10,000 tons of this ore and have it treated at the public reduction works as soon as navigation opens, and by this means we can earn enough to buy our own mill, and for this purpose we are now selling ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND SHARES of treasury stock at ten cents per share cash or on the following terms: Two cents per share cash down and 1 cent per share per month until paid. This offer subject to advance without notice.

No certificates will be issued for a less amount than 500 shares.

We do not expect to be very long in disposing of this issue owing to the very low price at which it is selling. Don't wait too long but send in your order at once if you want any of these shares. If you have any money to invest place it with your broker and buy SHARES that entitles you to an interest in the property owned by a good, reliable company.

Our shares are non-assessable and every share entitles the holder to an interest in the property.

The board of Directors who manage the affairs of this Company are as follows:

Cyrus Wellington, Roselind Stewart, John W. Neisbitt, W. H. Bell, John S. Kelly, Fred J. Rawson, N. C. Westerfield, G. D. Pritchard and T. E. Biddle.

C. D. Pritchard, president; Fred J. Rawson, Secretary, and Roselind Stewart, Treasurer. Don't take any charges but invest in this valuable and increased



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The Best Lumber Book  
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\$1 per copy.

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WINNIPEG SPORTS.

They take to Win Better Than to Play Fair.

In the opinion of all fair-minded people the Saturday night's game should have gone to Rat Portage. The Rat Portage time-keeper called time about two minutes before the bell was rung and at that time the Vics shot a game-tying, the score. The score that they shot in the play-off and won with was admitted by the Vics themselves to be wide of the mark. However, we reproduce the description of the game from the Winnipeg Telegram. It shows how we look away from home, and certainly we ought not to be dispirited by the view taken by the Telegram, which says:

"Among the Rat Portage players

Hooper was clearly the star, his fine dashes drawing much applause from the supporters of both teams. Phillips and McNamee were also good. Dulzenea had played well and stopped some very hard shots. The score does not clearly indicate the play, as Rat Portage had the best of things all

the time. At half time they were behind 1-0, but when the bell rang at the end, the Vics had pulled the score to 1-1 and in playing off won the contest, more by good luck than by merit.

Individual play, the characteristic of the evening, was of any kind, being conspicuous by its absence.

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"The surprise of the hockey season came when Rat Portage beat the invincible Winnipeg by 6 to 3. The Ontario boys deserved their victory as they played good clean hockey, far

and a fine cup to be competed for by the local hockey teams. It is now on exhibition in Rioch's windows. When the members of the different teams see the cup they will immediately resolve to have that cup and the result will be that there will be seen some fast and furious hockey to decide its ownership. Now that the Thistle matches are over interest will center more largely in the local games, and it is anticipated that the matches will be well attended as the rivalry will be great. In fact we overheard two members of the same team disputing as to who they would do with the cup when they won it. They finally adjusted it by agreeing to allow each man to keep it awhile. But their contention may be premature.

In addition to the cup for the hockey teams Mr. Wilson has also provided a cup for skaters. The race will be held shortly and our swiftest man will, barring accidents, get the cup.

Cadski-Damrosch Concert.

The grand concert which will be given in Winnipeg on Thursday evening, March 26th, will be Winnipeg's great musical festival of the year. It is a local enterprise that enables Winnipeg to hear a splendid exhibition of a Wagnerian concert by three of the greatest Wagnerian artists, Mme. Gadski, Mr. David Biphage and Mr. Walter Damrosch; assisted by America's leading tenor, Mr. George Hamlin. None of these artists have been heard before in Winnipeg, and a nice musical treat is anticipated.

Madame Gadski is one of the most versatile artists on the operatic stage today, and it will be most interesting to hear her in roles which her constant association and frequent appearance have made peculiarly her own.

The gems of all the Wagnerian operas will be given, comprising "The Flying Dutchman," "Tannhauser," "Lohengrin."

The concert will take place in the Drill hall on Broadway, which will be comfortably heated, lighted and seated for the occasion.

Special concert rates are being arranged for from all outside points, to allow everyone the opportunity to hear the finest aggregation of artists that has ever been induced to visit Winnipeg. Reserved seats \$2. All information can be obtained by addressing the secretary, Box 187, Winnipeg, Man.

In Aid of the Patriotic Fund.

A very successful entertainment was given by Mrs. D. C. Cameron at her home Friday evening in aid of the Patriotic Fund. About 100 invited guests attended. The room was draped with bunting and decorated appropriately. The programme commenced by Mr. Langford singing "The Absent-minded Beggar," and so on.

A collection of \$80 was then taken up. Several huge baskets of parcels contributed by the ladies were then brought forward, and Mr. Dear, who made a first-class auctioneer, got to work. The bidding was very animated, and the excitement was so intense as the mysterious parcels might contain anything from a boy's white to a handsome souvenir, were disposed to the highest bidder. The supper was taken of after which the guests adjourned to the reception room and listened to patriotic songs by Messrs. James Rogers, George Godwin and

With the  
xx Mining Public

A block of free gold ore about a foot square, and carrying \$30,000 to the ton, is on exhibition in the windows of a Denver lapidary. It is seamed and streaked in all directions with gold and is estimated to be worth \$1,800. The block came from the Topka mine and is to be shipped to Paris for exhibition at the world's fair. It would be a good idea to send some of our Ontario specimens to Paris.

Another discovery of iron ore has been made on the O. & R. R. railway. The deposit has not yet been explored to any extent, though the samples are said to show a large percentage of iron.

Mr. Chas. Sterling visited the Bally Boy mine last Saturday and found that the machinery lately installed under the supervision of Capt. Jones is working splendidly, and miners development much more rapid.

Mr. Chas. Brent returned yesterday from the Billiton mine on Shab Lake and left today for the Bad mine to supervise the erection of the new mine buildings and to install the new hoisting plant.

Mr. H. F. Higgins, of the Hand Drill Co., returned from the Trojan mine on Saturday. He reports that everything is going smoothly at the mine with excellent results. Two shafts are working with night and day shifts and a crosscut has been driven 48 feet and the values shown so far warrant further development.

Mr. Hunter, a brother of Mr. Matt Hunter, was visiting Rat Portage a few days this week.

The Wendigo mine is working right along. Mr. Matt Hunter, manager, reports that the work is progressing satisfactorily. He has a large force of men at work and two shafts are being sunk.

#### TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

The regular meeting of the municipal council was held on Monday, Feb. 26. Present Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Elmes, Deacon, Cameron and Hudson.

A number of communications were received and read.

Cameron, Deacon. That the mayor

and clerk be authorized to sign on behalf of the corporation the petition re Division Court as presented by P. H. Clark.

The fire, water and light committee submitted a report recommending that W. Robinson be reengaged for the ensuing year at a salary of \$72 per month, or himself and team. Duties to be as per terms of agreement made when first engaged. It was also recommended that the mayor and clerk be authorized to sign the petition to legislative assembly for amendment to the council bill. The report was received and adopted.

The finance committee submitted its report and recommended payment of a number of accounts, and also recommended that the office of Remington Typewriter Co. be taken of the old

Keewatin reduction works for a test run. He is much pleased so far with the results obtained and may soon open up on a much larger scale.

#### THE BANK of OTTAWA

Head Office, Ottawa, Canada.

Capital Subscribed, \$1,994,900

Capital Paid Up, 1,731,030

Rest, \$1,403,310.

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Rat Portage Branch,

F. R. GODWIN, Manager.

#### Popular Wants.

TO LET—4 room house near corner of Mining and Fifth streets, to rent at \$8 per month. Apply Sheriff Carpenter, Court House, Rat Portage.

TO LET—On May 1st, Store and dwelling over, now occupied by Mr. Allan Young of the Lake of the Woods Clothing Store. Apply to C. W. Chadwick.

LOST—Between Keewatin and Rat Portage, a brown leather music roll containing a number of songs. Finder please notify Sheriff Carpenter at the Court House, Rat Portage.

FOR SALE or exchange a good F. horse, apply to Robt. Graham, blacksmith, Port street, Rat Portage.

HOUSE TO LET—Small house on Fifth street, Rat Portage. Lot has 100 feet frontage. Apply J. A. McLeod, Boarding car, C. P. R. yard, 28-It

WANTED—One hundred cords of wood hauled from the bush to the Scovil and Gough blocks, distance three and one-half miles. C. W. Chadwick.

TO RENT—House, containing four bedrooms, parlor, dining-room and kitchen, each with furnace, lately occupied by Jas. Johnson. Apply to Matt Brown.

FOR SALE The following Organs in good order: 1 Kami Organ, 5 octaves, Canopy top, slightly used, \$15.00; 1 Lester Organ, 5 octaves, Canopy top, slightly used, \$10.00; 1 Clough & Warren Small Organ, \$20.00; 1 Mcintosh & Co. Canopy top, \$15.00 also a smaller order; 1 Mendelsohn Upright Piano, 5 octaves at \$150.00. The Mason & Risch Piano Co., Main St., Rat Portage.

#### INSTRUCTIONS.

SHORTHAND taught by late noted student James Quill, of Custer's Business College, London, England. \$5.00 per class or separately commencing March 1st. Apply for terms, &c.

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# The Big Sale

The talk of the town,  
and no wonder never before were such Bargains  
given in the town.

We expect this month  
to be the busiest month in  
the year. This sale has  
only commenced and big  
parcels are going out daily.

If you have not been  
in yet, don't delay.

# Rodgers & Ray.

Next Drewry's, Main street.

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EVERYTHING IN MUSIC.

# Cabbage

A nice lot in today  
and get a good

From C. S. & Sons, Fresh  
Mackerel, Lake Superior Trout, and Herring,  
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Scales

play was the characteristic of the team's combination of "boy" kind, by grouping itself by itsself.

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Phillips and Hooper opened with a dash and the latter shot, which was stopped by Lindsay and Breen relieved. Only of the Rat Portage forwards got a nasty blow on the nose which delayed the game some 6 minutes. A few minutes after restoring McGinnis scored the first goal with a fine unassisted shot.

The Winnipeggs made several attempts to score but the visitors were quite alert and kept them well in check. Then Breen came out with several swell dashes and Fraser and Breen regaled and after 7 minutes Blythville added another.

Opposing the Rat Portage Blythville was not long idle. For half an hour took the puck down and gained within an arm's length was stopped by Lindsay after being passed by McGinnis. Another for the visitors minutes.

From the face of Breen seemed and for his opponents good but was for Blythville who checked him in for 12 minutes frequenting the bench a few minutes. The play was most exciting when the ball was in the hands of the Portage. The Winnipeggs had a score of 10 goals.

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**Winnipeg Vs. Rat Portage.**

Yesterday night the Winnipeg Portage teams will play in the Victoria rink. The competition will be hard and the game will be tie with the Winnipeggs in place. The game was to take place Monday, but in quest of the Winnipeg boys' game was changed to Saturday. As this is the last league match, it is likely that the attendance will be large. All the people interested and expect to see a hard and a hard struggle to the finish.

Wednesday, 28th, 1900. Ryer Poerage, Mayor; G. E. Dulmage, Alderman; Point, T. S. Johnson, Cover, T. B. Blythville, Phillips, Forwards, Fraser, Hooper.

**The Boulder Mine.**

The board of directors of the Boulder Mining Co. held a meeting in St. Paul last Saturday at which it was decided to issue sufficient treasury stock to carry on the work of development. The board also decided to put in a 2-stamp mill as a test and to help defray mining expenses. There were present at the meeting E. T. Leclair, E. F. Leclair, Col. F. C. Barrows, and W. J. Foothier.

#### Championship Cups.

Mr. Wilson, the enterprising manager of the Victoria rink, has provided

parcels contributed by the gents were then brought forward, and Mr. Dean, who made a first-class auctioneer, got to work. Thibbald was very amiable, and the excitement waxed intense as the mysterious parcels might contain anything from a toy whistle to a handsome scowls, were disposed to the highest bidder. The shipper was partake of a good time, the gents adjourned to the reception rooms and adjourned to patriotic songs by Messrs. Rogers, Gimme, Goodwin, and Carpenter. Miss Clarkwick gave recitation, and the evening included with remarks from Rev. S. N. and Mr. H. C. Fletcher. The program cost \$218, and Mrs. Cameron is to be congratulated for the success attending her efforts.

At the close of the evening the players and officials were entertained at a supper at the Victoria Hotel. The gents adjourned to the reception rooms and adjourned to patriotic songs by Messrs. Rogers, Gimme, Goodwin, and Carpenter. Miss Clarkwick gave recitation, and the evening included with remarks from Rev. S. N. and Mr. H. C. Fletcher. The program cost \$218, and Mrs. Cameron is to be congratulated for the success attending her efforts.

A thing of beauty is joy to power, and of all the beauties that adorn humanity, there is nothing like a fine head of hair. The surest way of obtaining that is by the use of LUBY'S Parisian Hair Remover. At all druggists, 25c a bottle.

#### The Play House.

It is with pleasure the management of the opera house announces the return of the Bijou Comedy Company next week of March 12th. Since their last appearance here this talented company have been meeting with great success wherever they have appeared. The open play here will be "The Korky Gow," a beautiful Irish comedy drama, made famous by Joe Murphy, the talented Irish comedian. It tells a pretty story in an interest and way, and abounds in sparkling dialogue, bright Irish comedy and direct situations. Two fire-escapes are used in this production, and this will be quite a novelty for Rat Portage's playgoers.

#### GAUDIUS WINS.

The President's Prize goes to Champion Gaudius.

Yesterday afternoon Kennedy's four played havoc in the ranks of Hudson's rink so that gave Hudson four losses. Gaudius has only three to be wins the curling stones presented by the president.

All interest is now centered on the Patron and Patroness of competition.

The Patron's prize is a handsome pair of stones, on exhibition in G. W. Smith's windows, while that of the Patroness, Mrs. Carmichael, is a handsome gold locket which is in D. T. Ferguson's window.

The green-curlers competition is now being played off by Lark and Schwartz. The prize for this is a cup presented by Mr. Neads, and it may be seen in G. M. Riach's window.

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**SHORTHAND** Class, Monday and

Thursday evenings 7 p.m., commencing Monday, Jan. 15. French Classes re-open Tuesday, Jan. 16. Kindergarten French Classes (children under ten) commencing Saturday, Jan. 16. Private lessons in French and German, Music and English Subjects.

Applications by mail to

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#### Application to Parliament.

A motion of Couns. Edmonson and Deacon the report of the finance committee was adopted.

The special committee appointed to

consider the account and claim of the Rat Portage Brick Co., submitted

their report stating that they could not recommend payment of the claim.

The report was adopted.

A committee consisting of Deacon, Hudson and Cameron was appointed to meet the water commissioners to

effect a mutually advantageous arrangement regarding the services of

Mr. H. R. Woodley and also a water service to the hospital and Tunnel Island residents, and report at next meeting of council.

The clerk was instructed to advertise and take such other steps as required in connection with sewer petition for by R. E. Dowsett and others.

The time of returning collector's roll was extended to April 1.

Deacon—Cameron—Resolved that

Whereas, in the opinion of the council, the time has arrived when it is the duty of every British subject to assist in the great scheme of the defence of the Empire, and

Whereas, there is in this country a large body of patriotic young men who are ready and willing to undergo the training to fit them to take their place in the ranks of the defenders of the empire;

Be it resolved that this council do respectfully request the department of militia and defence to authorize the formation of a militia battalion at the Town of Rat Portage.

And this council do authorize His Worship the mayor who is proceeding to Ottawa to use all necessary means to obtain such authority.

And we call upon the honorable

the member for Algoma in the House of Commons to render such assistance as is in his power to afford.

Moved by COUN. EDMONDSON, see by COUN. HODSON, that COUN. DEACON, EDMONDSON and CAMERON be a committee to town donation to Canadian contingent fund and private donation to said fund, also re-payment of telegraphic despatches and report at next meeting.

The clerk was authorized to order copies of Municipal Works for councillors, the mayor and the clerk.

The by-law to provide for borrowing \$25,000 in promissory notes from the Imperial Bank was read a first time.

The council then adjourned.

#### Eldorado Mine.

Mr. Gatensbury, returned yesterday from a visit to the Eldorado mine in Eagle lake. He has a force of men

sinking on a 10-foot vein and the show-ing so far obtained is very good. It is his intention to take a few tons to the

ALL Petitions for Local Improvements, other than Sidewalks, will be taken in order to have the same done at the earliest date possible. Any Petitions later than this date will not be acted on by this year's Council.

Form of Petition and other information can be had by applying to

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Town Clerk.

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My Tailor.

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CASH TAILOR,  
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Tom C. Simels, Fresh  
Mackerel, Lake Superior  
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#### Jas. Gibson's

Shop, Matheson & Fort Sts.

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Our business has increased  
so much that we have had  
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and we will now be  
able to fill all orders for...

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promptly and guarantee  
the best of satisfaction.

Give us a call.

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#### Good Seasonable Advice

Buy your spring outfit from us. We're in the custom tailoring line exclusively. Hence we are better prepared to give you ordered clothing that will fit better, is more stylishly cut and better trimmed and tailored than any house in the west.

Our spring goods are all in and are open for your inspection. Come and see us we're always pleased to see you.

## WANTED: A MILLION HEARTS.

All ye who've a dead heart to rent or sell,  
Come bring them unto me. I'll pay ye well,  
Want them tame, I want 'em a deep and strong,  
Want them broad and coming to song.

Bring me no hearts that hold the mean or base;  
Bring me no heart that holds of a graven tree;  
Bring me no heart that's rank'd with jealous fears  
For one that's never been saturate with tears.

But good, clean, honest, empire hearts I ask;  
Not those that smile, yet masking secret mask;  
Not those that harbor notions poor and small,  
But pure and sweet and true—I'll take 'em all.

And hurry too. I want them now, today!

To this very minute send them on, the highway

For—ah, I'll not tell you, but Phyllis knows.

—John Kendrick Bangs in *Woman's Home Companion*.

## IN THE HOTEL OFFICE.

## A Singular Story of a Man Who Met One Who Had Known Him Years Before.

I was a hotel clerk who told the this. If you make friends with a hotel clerk, you will generally find him ready to tell you stories, and sometimes the stories are good.

The hotel is a New York one and not one of those particularly gilded, plate-glassed and velvet-piled where everything seems to be for splendor and nothing for comfort. One great attraction about the house is its wide, airy hall, which is always warm in winter and always cool in summer.

You will find sitting and sprawling about the long, broad lounges and the big chairs, dozens of men who are not registered at the hotel, nor ever have been, nor have even invested in a small glass of beer at the bar of the adjoining cafe.

One day in particular, in the month of February, was a great harvest time for that hotel hall. Every seat was occupied, and the clerk shrewdly guessed that the due, driving snow that had been filling up all the chinks of the window frames had much to do with the size of the gathering about the heaters. Presently a man in a somewhat worn-out overcoat entered and began kicking snow from his feet and showering it from every part of his person.

The clerk, who had nothing else in particular to do just at that moment, saw that the large number of idlers, who crowded the benches rather disconcerted him. In fact, the clerk noticed that the last comer was looking decidedly annoyed and guessed that his annoyance proceeded from the evident fact that there was no seat for him. He would have to loaf standing or else go into the cafe and let a waiter come and ask him what he would take, which would be inconvenient in the absence of the wherewithal to pay.

The newcomer looked at him and seemed to take a sudden resolution, as if he had made up his mind that that clerk ought to be satisfied of his having some particular business in there.

"Perhaps you'll give me some idea as to what your business may be with me."

"My business? Oh, yes. Well, you see, we Americans are always anxious to learn the views of prominent Canadians."

"About what?"

"Oh, about—about, I suppose, you know."

"I see. Well, why don't you go and ask Mr. James Scott, Yourlhead or some of those other representative Canadians who are staying here. Why do you pitch on me? I suppose you haven't been a reporter for very long—haven't had much experience in the business."

"No," said the other man eagerly.

"That's it. I haven't had much experience. I understand you were representative Canadian."

"You did, eh?" the world young man laughed. Then, looking his visitor straight in the face, he said, "What paper do you happen to represent, Mr. —?"

"Bourn—er—Jones."

"Oh, you are Mr. Jones of the—what paper did you say?"

"I didn't say. I represent quite a lot of papers. It's a sort of trust, you know."

"I see. A news agency—New York papers?"

"Not, nor western papers chiefly."

The clerk saw that the conversation went on Robinson-Jones, got more and more nervous, while the Canadian seemed to be more and more thoughtfully interested in the interview.

On inquiring that his visitor represented "western papers chiefly," Farquharson paused and seemed to consider. Then he suddenly said, "Well, Mr. Brown—By the way, Mr. Brown, haven't we met before?"

At that the representative of western papers gave a start and, staring hard for one moment at Farquharson, said, with every appearance of embarrassment, "I don't think so. I'm afraid I mustn't detain you any longer."

And with that he turned and fled out into the snowy streets.

Farquharson went up to the clerk and, leaning against the desk, said, "Did you ever see that man before?"

"Never that I know of," said the clerk. "Of course a spot many men pass in and out of here every day."

"Well, then," said the man from Ottawa, "let me give you a pointer about him. Years ago when I was a boy in Detroit, I worked in a big toying store, and that man—his real name is Bounderby, though his card says Robison," and he also answers to Jones and Brown—that man Bounderby was bookkeeper. He got into trouble about his accounts and skipped out west. Did he see my name on the register?"

"No," said the clerk. "He was just in here and came and asked for the first name he could think of, I suppose, just as an excuse to stand about and get warm. They do that sometimes—an old trick."

"Yes, but it's funny he should have thought of my name, I wasn't at, when he had evidently forgotten all about me. Thought I was a Canadian even. I don't even live in Canada, you know;

## "PULL" IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

## It Works There Just as Well as In Other Countries.

"When I first began banana planting in Central America," said a resident of that part of the world who frequently visits New Orleans, "I was greatly annoyed by a neighbor who made a business of luring away my laborers. He was a cantankerous old native who didn't like a gringo, bow, and as the jefe politico, or magistrate, of the nearest town sided with him and shared his views I was in a fair way of being broken up in business. About that time I had occasion to make a trip to the capital, and while there I ran across a young officer whom I had met the year before during Mardi Gras in New Orleans. He was a first rate fellow, and I had done my best on that occasion to make him enjoy his stay, but the incident had passed almost entirely out of my mind. He remembered it, however, and greeted me like a long lost brother, remarking incidentally that he was now first secretary to his excellency the minister of war. In the course of our talk I told him of my troubles with the planters and he asked me a few casual questions about the local magistrate.

"Next week I returned, and when I rode into town on the way to my place I was amazed to see the jefe politico come tearing out of his house, bareheaded, and salute me like a prince of the blood. He begged me to dismiss him and honor his poor abode with my presence, that we might discuss the outrages that had been heaped upon me by my villainous neighbor. I was dazed by such a change in his usually insulting demeanor and told him not to worry about the matter, that I would have a talk with the planter next day, and no doubt we could come to an understanding. 'Impossible, señor,' exclaimed the jefe. 'The wretch is now in prison, incomprendido!'

"Then I began to understand. It seemed that my Mardi Gras chum, the attache, had sent a telegraph letter by special courier, and the old jefe scared half out of his wits, had immediately arrested his friend and thrown him into a dungeon. I laughed so that I nearly fell off my horse and ordered him to release the prisoner at once. After that I was treated with the most distinguished consideration by everyone in the department, and I really began to start in Central America to the same I cast upon the water in New Orleans. The Latin republics are all right as places of residence if you only start in." New Orleans Times Democrat.

THE LIFE INSURANCE CURE.

Result of a Dying Bachelor's Plan For a Novel Plan.

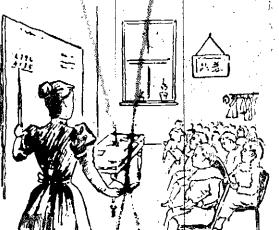
"I don't know that life insurance is a cure for disease," said the newest life insurance solicitor, but I know of an instance when it does look that way. In the town where I first began business was a bachelor of about 50 years, who was quite alone in the world and had some years before taken out \$5,000 policy on himself for the benefit of a maiden sister, who had died a year before the events of this story. He kept his policy going, however, because it was a good way to save money, and one day he was taken down with some kind of fever. He grew worse day after day, until one day the doctor told him that he would in all likelihood be dead within the next 24 hours.

"This suggested his life insurance money, all he had to leave, and he immediately began to talk with the doctor on the subject. Of course, as a result of all

## TEACHERS' TROUBLES.

## How Teachers May Prevent the Breakdown of the Nervous System which often Threatens.

The worry and work, the strain and anxiety of a teacher's life are such as to tell severely on the nervous system. Time and again teachers have had to give up good positions on account of run down health



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its annoyance proceeded from the evident fact that there was no seat for him. He would have to loaf standing or else go into the cafe and let a waiter come and ask him what he would take which would be inconvenient in the absence of the wherewithal to pay.

The newcomer looked at him, and seemed to take a sudden resolution, as if he had made up his mind that that clerk ought to be satisfied of his having some particular business in there.

Having got his hat and his discolored overcoat finally clear of snow, he walked up to the desk boldly and asked, "Is Mr. Farquharson stopping here?"

"Which Mr. Farquharson, sir? What is his name?"

"Er—um—er—Ronald—Ronald Farquharson."

"Where does he register from?" the clerk asked, solemnly looking at the register.

"From—er—Ottawa."

"Ronald Farquharson, Ottawa, Canada," the clerk repeated, keeping his finger on one spot on the page of the register.

"Do you wish to see Mr. Farquharson? I don't know whether he's in. Yes; his key is here. Will you send up your card, sir?"

The clerk had some little difficulty in keeping his face straight while he made these routine inquiries of the visitor, for the visitor's eyes seemed about to pop out of his head. He opened his mouth once or twice before speaking. "Well—or yes—that—is—"

"Ring the bell, sounded, and a porter came forward to take the visitor's card.

"I haven't a card with me," said the man, who had come through the snow-storm to see Mr. Ronald Farquharson of Ottawa, Canada.

A blank card was produced, and the visitor, with some evident hesitation, wrote on it "John Henry Robinson." The bellboy took the card away on a silver waiter, and John Henry walked up and down, seeming, as the clerk thought, rather nervous.

Presently a florid young man in broad tweeds came from the passage on one side of the clerk's desk. The young man was carrying a card in his hand and seemed puzzled.

"Where is this person?" he said, showing the card to the clerk.

"Mr. Robinson, sir? There he is, walking toward the door now. His back is turned."

"Did he say he knew me?"

"He asked for Mr. Ronald Farquharson, Ottawa, Canada."

"Got my whole name all right?"

"Yes; he had it as far as you have."

"That's funny," said Mr. Ronald Farquharson. "I have known a good many sons in my time, but I never saw that any of them lived in New York. You're a good man, sir," he added, turning to the visitor, who was standing by the desk. "I think this is a good place. You have the advantage of—"

"Yes," said the man in the broad tweeds, laughing a rather forced laugh. "You're Mr. Ronald Farquharson, Ottawa—Ottawa, Canada. I beg that you were in New York, you know."

"It's odd," said the Canadian. "I've got here a few hours ago."

"That's right. Going to make a long stay?"

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sister, who had died a year before the events of this story. He kept his policy going, however, because it was a good way to save money, and one day he was taken down with some kind of fever. He grew worse day after day, until one day the doctor told him that he would in all likelihood be dead within the next 24 hours.

"Yes, but it's funny he should have thought of my name, wasn't it, when he had evidently forgotten all about me. Thought I was a Canadian even. I don't even live in Canada, you know; only go there now and again for business. And how do you account for his happening to connect my name with Ottawa? He only knew me slightly before he stole that money and skipped. But the funniest thing about it all is that now I can tell his old mother, whom I happen to know slightly in Detroit, that her son is alive and well. That's what I'm going to do when I get back."

"And yet," the clerk remarked when he told me the story, "some people say there is no Providence—Philadelphia Item."

#### A Freightful Fate.

"As we put to sea," says Captain Youngusband in his book on Japan, "we passed a sunken steamer, the *Anglia*, and afterward heard the ghastly story of her loss. She触触ed a sandbank, heeled over and capsized in a few seconds, but the water was not deep, and one side of her remained above. The majority of the passengers and crew got off in boats or on floating spars, but a few were caught below in her cabins.

"We have often read of martyrs of old, who were tied to posts in the sea and left to drown by tides with the rising tide. Imagine, then, the fate of these poor fellows. The portholes were just large enough for a man to put his head through, but no more. The ship was of iron, and to enlarge the holes in the time of a battle was an impossibility, though no attempt was made with cold chisel. The boats from another ship came alongside and handed food and drink to the doomed men and gave them such encouragement as was possible."

"But the tide rose in by inch, and at last the time arrived when it seemed better for all that the boats should leave, for to remain was but to prolong the agony on both sides. Some of the imprisoned cursed and foamed at the mouth with anguish. Some prayed. Some, in the cold sweat of despair, sought the boats' crews to shoot them ere they left. Sadly and silently the boats slipped away. The tide rose, and the last shrieks of the dying men sank into the sigh of the rising waves."

**He Was His Own Dentist.**

A Foxcroft man who was suffering from a toothache while seven miles from a dentist attended to the aching dolor himself by using a stone around it, fastening the other end of the line to a hook in the post of the plinth and sitting down quickly.

This reminds a Bath man of a neighbor of his who always extracted his own teeth. If an upper one, he tied a string around it, with a heavy weight at the other end of the line, mounted to the haymow and dropped the stone. If a lower tooth was the one aching, he stood on the floor and threw the weight up over a door.—*Leicester (Me.) Journal*.

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Shoes that are not in use need not be aired and cleaned once in a fortnight at least, or they will not wear as long as if they had been worn each day.

A broom that is plunged into boiling suds once a week will become tough, so that it will last much longer, will not cut a carpet and will always sweep like a new broom.

#### MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

Lansing, Mich., has a driveway 83 feet in width.

Philadelphia is to have a labor temple to cost not less than \$100,000.

Indianapolis has 3,500 dogs licensed and 1,500 unlicensed and still has no public place where one of them can get a drink of water.

In the morning when the doctor came he found his patient in a wild perspiration and his pulse beating in much better fashion than it had been doing for some days. He also found the general condition of the patient much improved. He was greatly astonished and at once began to ask questions. The patient told him with eager interest of a lot of new things he had thought of for the funeral and some that bothered him a good deal and said he had been thinking of it all night. Then the doctor laughed and told him he guessed the funeral would have to be postponed, for he wasn't going to die just then anyhow. Not *if* he said and he isn't dead yet, but he is married and has his policy paid up for his wife's benefit.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

#### The Elephant Got Even.

A visitor to the circus one day teased one of the elephants by offering it a bun and, just as the animal was going to take it, pulling it back out of his reach. This he did several times, and at last the elephant naturally began to feel rather angry, and finally he refused even to look at the bun or to attempt to take it.

Later in the afternoon the elephant was being marched around the show ground when in the crowd he spied his tormentor.

He reached out his trunk and calmly appropriated the man's hat. He held it in his trunk for some time and then offered it to its owner. But as soon as he attempted to take it he pulled it back in the same way as the man had done with the bun.

This he did two or three times; but, after holding it out the last time, he drew it back and swallowed it, much to the man's disgust.

#### Making Things Worse.

When a man gets nervous prostration, all his friends remind him how they warned him years ago.—Chicago Record.

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**Local Interest**

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The members of the painting class

the evening. A big bonfire was made on the lake and a torchlight procession was formed. The crowd marched to the music of the Yerman band, which was certainly awe inspiring. The people were very enthusiastic and they have reason to be, as our Canadian boys have certainly done their share in bringing about the result.

Mr. Dean, of the Hamilton Powder Co., is moving into the office on Main street lately occupied by Mr. Currie.

Lieut. Charles J. Armstrong, who was wounded in the charge on Cronje's army, is a cousin of Mr. J. M. Parsons, our postmaster. He was a member of the Montreal company.

You are Talked About

Mrs. Henesey, wife of Captain J. H. Henesey, is seriously ill.

Mrs. W. J. Perrin returned from her visit in Winnipeg Saturday.

Mrs. D. G. Mathias returned from a visit to her parents in Winnipeg Monday night.

His Honor Judge Chappie was appointed D. G. M. W. of the Superior District at the recent grand lodge meeting of the A.O.U.W. of Ontario.

Dr. Macdonell was called east Friday evening by telegram announcing the serious illness of his brother near Glengarry.

Geo. A. Graham spent a few days in town this week.

Major McCarthy received his medal for services rendered his country, but unfortunately it bore the wrong date—1870—instead of 1896.

Harold Macdonald was probably not in the charge of the Canadians on Cronje's forces, as he being with a Maxim gun, therefore would be somewhat in the rear.

Mr. Geo. J. Ross returned this week from his eastern trip.

Miss County Sharpe entertained a number of her little friends at a birthday party last Saturday. The children enjoyed themselves very much.

Mrs. Bertrand, of Winnipeg, is visiting her uncle Mr. Jas. Wait.

Mr. A. McKenzie returned Wednesday from his sojourn in Winnipeg.

Mr. Maiville, of the Regina mine, is in town this week.

Wilkie Brown, who represents the Cleveland Atlantic Oil Co., was in town this week.

Geo. A. Graham has returned from Fort William.

Captain E. W. Brydges has returned from his eastern trip.

Mr. Bob Davis left this morning to take charge of the tailoring department of Ferguson & Co., at Brandon. Before he left Mr. Davis was presented by a number of his friends with a

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handsome gold jacket as a token of the esteem in which he is held by his associates here.

M. Kyle, president of the Gold Paner Mining Co., has had his office partitioned off and fitted up conveniently.

J. H. Anderson, manager of the Anderson Produce Co., was in town Saturday.

Mrs. J. K. Brydon was at home to over 100 ladies on Friday last. Mrs. Brydon, who makes a charming hostess, was assisted by two of our popular young ladies.

J. A. Nunn, of Nelson, B.C., was in town Wednesday and Thursday on a flying visit to his brother Jack, manager of the A. McDonald Wholesale Grocery Co., at Rat Portage.

## Sons of England.

The Sons of England gave their annual entertainment Monday to a large audience. The program was well received, and refreshments much enjoyed. Dancing was indulged in also till the quiet hours, and everybody felt thoroughly entertained.

## Pinder—Davis.

Miss Eunice Pinder and Mr. Frank Davis were united in holy matrimony Monday evening in St. Alban's church, by Rev. Mr. Pickett. Miss Lillian Knipe was bridesmaid and Mr. Pinder was groomsman. After the ceremony the party proceeded to the opera house where they were served with a wedding supper.

## Parlor Concert.

Those who were so fortunate as to be present Tuesday night at the residence of Mrs. G. P. Phillips enjoyed a splendid entertainment. The numbers were all good and the efforts of the

participants were much appreciated after the programme. Mrs. Phillips served a delicious luncheon to the gathering.

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WILLIAM McRITCHIE,  
Administrator.

## Moody's Remarkable Life.

We have received a book of much importance at the present time from the Poole Publishing Co., Toronto, "The Life of D. L. Moody." The book is attractive, and is well printed on good white paper. Its circulation will probably be very large, as Mr. Moody had a powerful influence in Canada, was known here quite as well as overseas, the fine. The book is published at 25c in heavy paper cover, or 50c bound in cloth, is for sale at all news stores, or will be sent postpaid by the publisher on receipt of price.

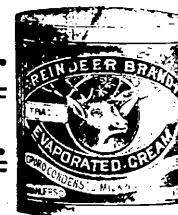
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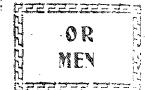
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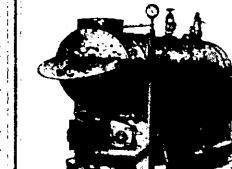
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## Local Interest

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The members of the painting class met Monday and organized themselves into an art club. Mrs. Langford was made president, Miss Hockley secretary and Mrs. Scovil treasurer.

Three wagons loaded with machinery left yesterday for the Gold Panner mine.

The Bijou Opera Company will open a return engagement at the opera house in "The Kerty Gow," on March 12th.

A ladies' court of the A. O. F. is to be established here shortly.

R. Thompson, secretary of the Royal Jubilee hospital, makes the following statement for the week ending Feb. 24: Under treatment Feb. 18, 11; admitted during week, 3; discharged, 3; deaths, 1.

At Home under the auspices of the Canadian Order of Foresters will be held in the Walsh & McVeigh Hall Matheson St., Thursday evening next, Feb. 8. All Foresters and their friends are invited. An interesting program is being prepared.

The regular business meeting of the W.C.T.U. will be held in the Oldfields Hall on Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

The Sisters of St. Joseph's Academy beg to return a hearty vote of thanks to all kind friends who by their presence at the little entertainment contributed toward making it a success. Special thanks are tendered to Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Sigurdson, Mr. Ingram and Mr. Gilbert and son for their kind services.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Campbell entertained a number of young people at their home Thursday night.

Word was received Tuesday of the surrender of Cronje and accordingly the mayor declared Wednesday a public holiday. The people celebrated in

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POTATOES, per bushel	75c
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BANANAS, per dozen	15c
BITTER ORANGES for Marmalades, per doz.	45c

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